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Moore-Brewster House
202 Market Street
Wooster
Wayne County
Ohio

Moore Brewster Residence
Woster, Ohio

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Owner (or Custodian) Mr. Freedlander

Date of Erection Built in 1834

Architect

Builder

Present Condition In good condition

Number of Stories Two stories

Materials of Construction Frame house. Stone foundation. Shingle roof.

Other Existing Records: Twelve drawings
Two photographs
Two pages of history

Additional Data:

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The two lots on which the building stands were included in the original land grant obtained from the government by John Bever, William Henry and Joseph Larwill, on August 29, 1806, the founders of Wooster, under President Thomas Jefferson Administration. As they had no Court House at that time in Wayne County, the patent deed was recorded Vol. A. of the Columbiana County, Ohio, deed records. The owners sold the site in March 1815 to Joseph Powell. The land was transferred three times and then was purchased by Z. T. Moore, an English Nobleman. The present building, according to the best authority, was erected on the site of this English gentleman, in the year 1834.

The Moore family consisted of Mr. & Mrs. Moore, two sons and two daughters. However, circumstances prevented the owner from reveling in his ambitions of the completed and furnished home that had appealed so strongly, for Mr. Moore died shortly after the house was completed and before the family moved into their new home.

The family occupied the dwelling down through the ensuing years. The younger daughter, Flora, married Roland A. Brewster. She was the last survivor of the Moore family. The property remained in her possession until her death in 1916, when it was willed to Colonel Treadwell Moore, a nephew of Mrs. Brewster, who was an officer in the regular army, and is now living in Columbus, Ohio. Colonel Moore, sold the property in June 1916 to Elmer S. Landes, formerly a Wooster Realtor, more recently a member of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau of Washington, D. C., and now president of the Wayne County National Bank, Wooster. It remained in his

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possession until April 1922 when O. M. Yokum purchased the property. Mr. Yokum sold it in January 1922 to Nellie Cunningham. Mr. Freedlander purchased it in February 1925 and is now the present owner.

As a matter of course it may be interesting in passing to comment on the various and versatile uses of this dwelling. When the boys came home from the Spanish-American War, Mrs. Brewster offered several rooms as a temporary hospital for the wounded and ill. Several years later it was used as a Club House (Everett Club) and Tea Room and now as an office building for the Ohio Public Service Company and the Empire Gas and Fuel Company of Ohio.

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